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Dr. Thomas Adams, Deputy Superintendent Instruction and Learning Support Branch Executive Director, Instructional Quality Commission California Department of Education 1430 N Street, Room 3207 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Dr. Adams:

The Institute for Curriculum Services (ICS) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the History-Social Science Framework and appreciates the many positive changes that were made during the last revision of the Framework.

In addition to the attached recommendations, we will submit, under separate cover, comments addressing the problematic content of the California History-Social Science Project's "Cold War World Lesson #2: Decolonization," in the section on "CWW2.9 The Suez Canal Crisis Conference," before the close of the public comment period.

We kindly ask that these recommendations be considered by the History-Social Science Subject Matter Committee of the Instructional Quality Commission as it prepares its report summarizing public comment about the upcoming Framework revision for the Board of Education. We also request that the ICS recommendations be forwarded to both of these bodies as they consider the revision.

We share your goals of accuracy and excellence in educational materials for the educators and students of California. The Framework revision is an important step in furthering this aim. ICS sincerely appreciates your outstanding leadership and the excellent work of your staff.

Sincerely,

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